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"IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR...DUES ARE DUE.."

NEXT MEETING.....

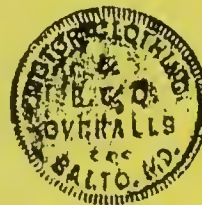
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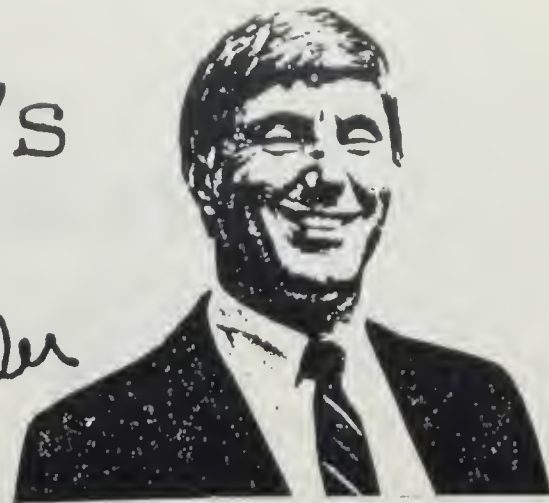
ROOM TBA....

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE....



The President's Message

Bill Miller



Spring is here and with it comes another season of outdoor flea markets and hopefully a few more 'finds' for the avid token collector. Over the years I have found that repeated trips to local flea markets can yield a few good tokens. Of course, coming to a Maryland TAMS meeting can be even more rewarding; one has a greater opportunity to buy or trade for tokens they want, and you have the opportunity to meet with fellow collectors and enjoy sharing stories and information with them.

We had planned our next meeting to be in Carroll County in May... but our plans went astray as we could not come up with the meeting place without putting out big bucks....so our next meeting will be with the MSNA Convention on June 22 at Festival Hall in Baltimore.

Hope to see you there!

From The Editor

(WITH TONGUE IN CHEEK)

Will Myer



It all started with a little token....

My son, who has now left the security of his boyhood home to seek his fortune, was cleaning out some of the 'junk' from his old bedroom.

"Hey, Dad, do you want this?" He held up in his hand a small brass token.

"What is it?" I asked.

"A toilet token," he answered with a smile.

"A what?"...he handed me the little token and I examined it closely... "TOILETOKEN" "NIK-O-LOK"....the same on both sides. I guess I was dissappointed not to see a toilet seat or 'John' engraved in brass.

"Where'd you get this?" I asked.

"I don't know...I think I found it on campus".

"Do they use toilet tokens at the University of Maryland?"

"No, I don't think so...maybe someone gave it to me".

Anyway I am now the proud owner of a toilet token...now if I could only find out where I can use it....?

Which all brings to mind.... have you ever imagined the wide variety of tokens in use....? Just take our State of Maryland. I suppose every state has a crazy token or two, some perhaps unique to the culture of the area, but Maryland seems to have more than its fair share.... consider:

STRAWBERRY TOKENS
PEA TOKENS
BEAN TOKENS
CORN TOKENS
TOMATO TOKENS
SWEET POTATOE TOKENS



PEELING CHECKS
 PICKERS CHECKS
 SHUCKERS CHECKS (Some are SCHUCKERS)
 POOL CHECKS
 TUNA CHECKS
 OYSTER CHECKS
 TOWEL CHECKS

AND:



MEAL CHECKS
 BREAD CHECKS
 DRINK CHECKS
 PRIZE CHECKS
 BOTTLE CHECKS
 CIGAR CHECKS
 BEER CHECKS
 COFFEE CHECKS



GUANO CHECKS...(GUANO!)
 ICE CHECKS
 LUNCH CHECKS
 SODA CHECKS

MINERAL WATER CHECKS
 SKILL CHECKS
 SUIT/OVERCOAT CHECKS
 CREDIT CHECKS

AND:



GOOD FOR'S (A bunch of them!)
 TRADE CHECKS
 FACE POWDER CHECKS
 CONFECTIONS CHECKS
 SOUVENIR CHECKS
 GROCERIES
 BREAKFAST CHECKS

SHIP TOKENS
 ADMISSION CHECKS
 GOOD LUCK TOKENS
 BAR CHECKS



HOSPITAL CHECKS
 LOTTERY CHECKS
 BANK CHECKS
 LAUNDRY CHECKS
 STORAGE CHECKS

AND:



SHOE REPAIR CHECKS
 RUG CLEANING CHECKS
 TYPEWRITER CHECKS
 TAVERN TOKENS
 CAR WASH CHECKS

AMUSEMENT PARK TOKENS
 FOOD STAMP CHECKS
 HOME SITE CHECKS
 CANNING CHECKS



BOWLING CHECKS
 BANK DEPOSIT CHECKS
 BARBER SHOP CHECKS
 TEST CHECKS

AND:



JEWELRY CHECKS
 MERCHANDISE CHECKS
 BICYCLE CHECKS
 PAY CHECKS
 BOOKIE TOKENS

BUCKETS
 BASKETS
 BUSHELS
 GALLONS
 QUARTS AND ON AND ON....

Now see if you can collect one of each....!! GOOD LUCK



MARYLAND

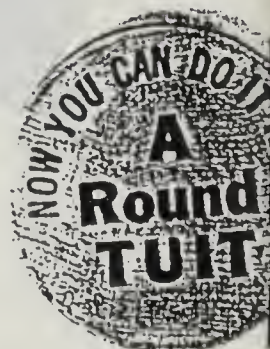
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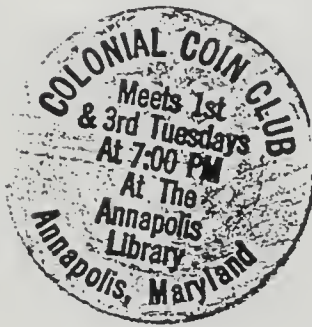
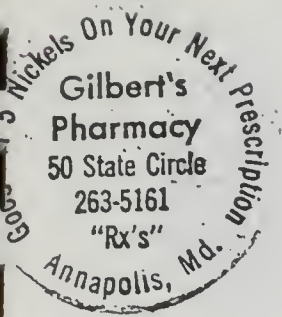


I am attempting to resurrect the old Maryland TAMS Journal series on Maryland Woods that was previously written by Mr. Stanley Brown. Several Maryland TAMS meetings ago I volunteered to take over the production of this continuing series of articles. This is the first in that series. I intend to follow the earlier format which reviewed the Woods by city. I will try not to duplicate any Woods described in the earlier articles. As I review my current holdings by city, I would appreciate your input on Woods that you have in your collection that do not appear in my city list. Thanks to a friend and fellow collector from Texas, Mr. Leo Warren of San Antonio, I have enough Woods to keep the article series going for a while but I will need your help and cooperation. At some point in the future, if we get good enough input, we may be able to produce a simple Maryland Woods master listing and attribution guide. Enough administrivia -- let's get on with the Woods! The cities to be covered in this initial article are: Aberdeen, Annapolis, Arcadia, and Arbutus.

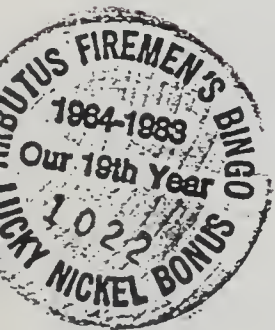
ABERDEEN



ANNAPOLIS



ARBUTUS



ARCADIA



ELONGATES OF MARYLAND A CATALOGING EFFORT

BY MILLARD W. HAJEK LM# 1

As a youngster, I grew up in a neighborhood very near the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad as it sliced through Northeast Baltimore. And, at the same time, the transit company fixed trolleys like you now see at the Streetcar Museum were a neighborhood fixture. Buses soon replaced the trolleys and today we've come full circle with the subway and rapid transit system now under construction. So fixed rail is now the in mode of transportation!

Well, what's all this have to do with elongates? Many times I laid coins on those tracks to see them flattened. Ah yes, the first phase of the elongated coin syndrome! Maybe that's why elongates hold a special fascination for me today and thus, this cataloging effort.

After much pondering, I have decided to plagiarize the numbering system established by Dottie Dow in her first book. There will be some variation which I will consider as catalogers license but as a general rule, I have adapted her system. So, I refer you to her book for the details.

MD.Bal-1

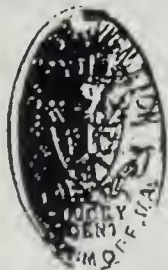


MD. Baltimore. National Democratic Convention

NAT. DEMOCRATIC CON. JUNE 25. / Donkey facing right with a building at right side / BALTIMORE, MD. 1912 with small star before Baltimore and after 1912.

ROLLED horizontally on Lincoln Cent with reverse shown. BORDER-Heavy wire.

MD.Bal-2



MD. Baltimore. Knights Of Pythias Convention

K. OF P. CONVENTION / 1913 / Crossed swords behind shield with letters F C / B. Below shield, on ribbon to left KNIGHTS. On ribbon to right PYTHIAS / LUCKY / CENT / BALTIMORE, MA.

ROLLED vertically on Lincoln Cent. BORDER- Heavy wire.

MD.Bal-3



MD. Baltimore. The Fraternal Order Of Eagles (F.O.E.) Convention

F.O.E. CONVENTION / Center, eagle inside a horseshoe with ends pointing down, to left, 19 / to right, 13 / below F.O.E. / BALTIMORE. MARYLAND

ROLLED horizontally on Lincoln Cent with reverse shown. BORDER- Heavy wire.

MD. Cumb-1



MD, Cumberland, Lucky Cent

CUMBERLAND, MD. / In center, horseshoe with ends pointed down, in center of horseshoe, four leaf clover / LUCKY CENT / SEPT. 1-7, 1912.

ROLLED vertically on Lincoln Cent.
BORDER- Heavy wire.

MD.Flag-St-1



MD, State Flag

MARYLAND / in center, Maryland State Flag, to left FLAG, to right, ADOPTED, upper right, DD / 1904

ROLLED horizontally on Lincoln Cent 1957D with obverse shown. BORDER- Dotted. MINTAGE- Unknown. ISSUED 1965 by Dottie Dow (DOW-26). ENGRAVER- Ben Mixon.

The flag series of which this elongated was a part was manufactured by Arizona Elongateds, Box 5238, Phoenix, AR. 85010. The "DD" in the upper right hand corner is for DON DOW, the artist. The date at the bottom is the date the flag was adopted.

MD.Flag-Ft.McH-2

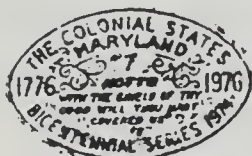


MD, Fort McHenry Flag

In center, Flag with 13 stars, upper right, DD / below Flag, FT. McHENRY FLAG / 1795-1818

ROLLED horizontally on 1968D Lincoln Cent. BORDER- Dotted. MINTAGE- 145 Lincoln Cents. ISSUED 7/68 by Dottie Dow (DOW-168). ENGRAVER- Ben Mixon.

MD.Misc.-1



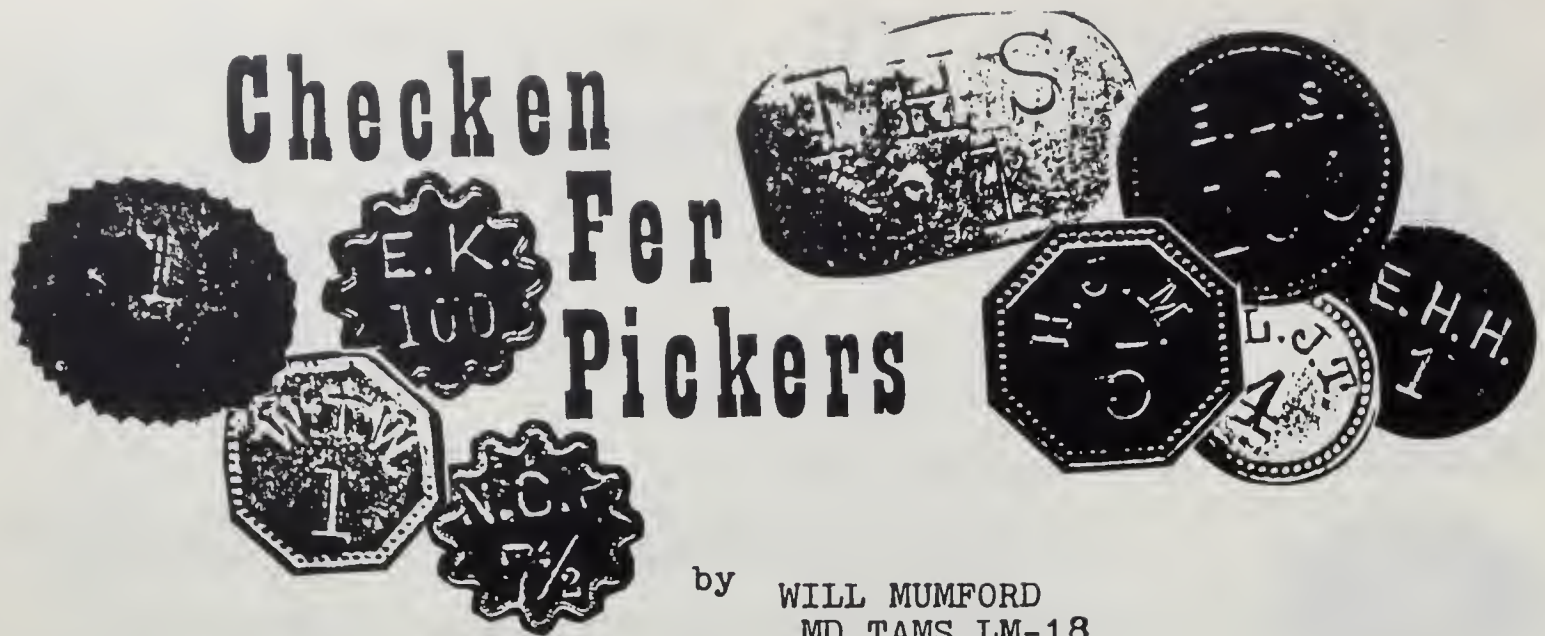
MD, Misc., 7th Colonial State Bicentennial Series

THE COLONIAL STATES / MARYLAND / #7 / 1776 MOTTO 1976 / "WITH THE SHIELD OF THY / GOOD WILL THOU HAST / COVERED US" / BICENTENNIAL SERIES 1974 in very small letters, AC (Adam Cool).

ROLLED horizontally on 1966 & 1968D Lincoln Cent with obverse shown. BORDER- Wire. MINTAGE- 1013 Lincoln Cents ISSUED 2/74 by Adam J. Cool (SIM-105) ENGRAVER- Adam J. Cool. Rolled on a simulated blank planchet.

(At this time I would like to personally thank all those members who have submitted information on the elongateds in their collection and in particular, RUSS SEARS who provided me with a wealth of information to get me started on this venture!)

Chicken Fer Pickers



by WILL MUMFORD
MD TAMS LM-18

A couple weeks ago I found a neat little book in an antique shop in Berlin, Md. "Strawberry Growing" by S.W. Fletcher. Now I realize this may not excite you, but S.W. Fletcher was a professor at The Pennsylvania State College (Penn State) and was recognized as one of the leading experts on strawberries in the early 1900's. This book was written in 1917.

What's neat is that he has a whole chapter on "Picking and Packing" and in the appendix there are some interesting statistics. In 1910, Maryland was the leading state in the production of strawberries with 14,292 acres of the delicious berry (Tennessee was second with 10,761 acres). The leading county in Maryland was Anne Arundel with 3,937 acres of strawberry fields.

It is obvious from his writings that Professor Fletcher visited many of the large strawberry districts. It is also obvious that the professor never set foot in Anne Arundel County, which is strange as Anne Arundel was one of the oldest and largest strawberry areas. There is some evidence that growing strawberries for commercial markets originated in Anne Arundel County sometimes prior to 1815. Fletcher uses many photographs in his book, but none from Anne Arundel. He also uses many specific farmers as examples, but none from Ane Arundel. He mentions aluminium checks, but makes no mention of brass checks. If he had visited Anne Arundel County in 1917 or before, he surely would run into a herd of brass pickers' checks or "strawberry money" as he

calls them.

One section is titled, "Accounts with Pickers"

"Four methods of keeping accounts with pickers are used, cash at picking time, day-book records, redeemable checks and redeemable punch tickets."

He goes on to say that very few growers pay cash to pickers and states:

"Small cards or checks have been used more than any other method of accounting but are now superseded by punch tickets.... Checks are pieces of cardboard about one inch by two inches, with the name of the grower printed on one side, together with the number of quarts it represents.... The several denominations should be in different colors, to prevent mistakes.... Sometimes aluminum checks, called 'strawberry money', are used.... In some of the larger shipping districts strawberry money is accepted at face value by local stores. If a picker is paid in full each Saturday, he may not return on Monday."

The punch card system is still being used in fruit orchards as our family picked cherries in Utah and the grower used punch cards - one punch for each bucket of cherries. At the end of each day the grower paid his pickers in cash.

Some of the common type of punch tickets are illustrated here and on the next page.

All this confirms the unique nature of the Anne Arundel brass Picker Check. Certainly if brass tokens had been used elsewhere Professor

O PLEASANT VIEW FRUIT FARM											
Picker's Card—Not Transferable.											
No.....						Date.....					
4	4	4	4	4	4	This ticket must Not Be Lost, as no other can be issued. Amount paid per Quart, one cent. An extra 1/4 of a cent per Quart will be paid at the close to all who pick through the season.	4	4	4	4	4
4	4	4	4	4	4		4	4	4	4	4
4	4	4	4	4	4		4	4	4	4	4
4	4	4	4	4	4		4	4	4	4	4
4	4	4	4	4	4		4	4	4	4	4
4	4	4	4	4	4		4	4	4	4	4
4	4	4	4	4	4		4	4	4	4	4
4	4	4	4	4	4		4	4	4	4	4
4	4	4	4	4	4		4	4	4	4	4
4	4	4	4	4	4		4	4	4	4	4
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	

ELMER G. TUFTS, - AURORA, IND.
Paid \$ \$ 50 cents.
Name..... No.....

Common type of punch ticket

Meanwhile more Anne Arundel checks continue to surface.... William Cromwell, whose old three-story brick farmhouse is about to be destroyed to make way for a highway and John Smith, the grandfather-in-law of Ora Smith who makes picker check jewelry for the Anne Arundell County Historical Society are the latest checks to turn up. More on them in our next edition. Meanwhile keep on Checken fer Pickers....

DAILY ACCOUNT OF BERRIES PICKED BY									
Name _____									
Date _____ 19__									
Amount paid per box _____ cts.									

Gals.	Qts.	Qts.	Qts.	Qts.	Qts.	Qts.	Qts.	Qts.	Qts.
1	2	8							
1	2	8							
1	2	8							
1	2	8							
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1	2	8							

Present this with your boxes are full.

The Wallace Berry Picking
Record, daily ticket.

L.	DATES	Cu ^o	Cu ^o	Cu ^o	Qts.	Qts.	Qts.	Qts.	Cu ^o 's Pick'd	Qts. Pick'd	Cu. not per sured	AMOUNT PAID
Mon.		3	2	1	12	6	4	2	1			
Tues.		3	2	1	12	6	4	2	1			
Wed.		3	2	1	12	6	4	2	1			

Weekly Account of Berries Picked by _____ Present this with your daily card at the close of each day.

M _____ M _____

L.	DATE	Cu ^o	Cu ^o	Cu ^o	Qts.	Qts.	Qts.	Qts.	Cu ^o 's Pick'd	Qts. Pick'd	Cu. not per sured	AMOUNT PAID
Thurs.		3	2	1	12	6	4	2	1			
Fri.		3	2	1	12	6	4	2	1			
Sat.		3	2	1	12	6	4	2	1			

Walton's Berry-Picking Record.

The Wallace Berry Picking
Record, weekly ticket.

[illegible]

The Heller tally card.

TOKEN POTPOURRI

INGLE SYSTEM TOKENS OF MARYLAND

By Millard W. Hajek LM# 1

Are you aware that of the thousands of tokens struck by the "Ingle System" for merchants, only two issues have been identified to date for businesses in Maryland? A quick perusal of Lloyd E. Wagaman's book, "A Checklist And Aid To Attributing Ingle System Scrip" confirms that only tokens issued by "Dickey" and "Pritchett" have been attributed to Maryland.

The tokens for W. J. Dickey & Sons, Inc. have been previously documented in our MD TAMS Journal issues of Summer, 1982 (Vol. III No. 4) and Fall, 1982 (Vol. IV No. 1). Also, an interesting article titled "Introducing Mr. Ingle Maverick" in the MD TAMS Journal Fall, 1980 (Vol. II No. 1) also provides very good reading and information on this topic. A listing of the "Dickey" tokens appears in our "Maryland Merchant Tokens" book under the town of Oella, Maryland and members can review all of these articles for details and background information.

The Pritchett token has a 1914 Ingle System design on it's reverse and was attributed with a 1914 R. G. Dun & Co. directory by Lloyd Wagaman. A check of the Polks Baltimore City Directories for 1913 through 1915 lists CLARENCE H. PRITCHETT as a Grocer located at 101 N. East Avenue.

The 1910 directory lists Clarence H. Pritchett as a Butcher while the 1911 shows him as being a Manager. The 1916 directory lists him as a Salesman. So, it can be reasonably assumed that the token was issued for use in the Grocery business between 1913-1915.

Illustrated below is one example of the W. J. Dickey & Sons, Inc. token and the 5 denomination of the unlisted C. H. Pritchett token. According to Mr. Wagaman's listings a 1 and 5 denominations exist for the Pritchett token. So, it looks like another maverick has found a home in Maryland. The Pritchett token shown is 19 MM in diameter and is Silver plated brass.



UPDATING THE UNLISTEDS

Janice Pugliese

After several false starts, Maryland TAMS is inaugurating a column devoted to listing any Maryland tokens which do not appear in our MARYLAND MERCHANT TOKENS book. With the help of my trusty computer, I'll attempt to maintain an ongoing list of these tokens. Many thanks to Jim Boswell, Frank Pugliese, and Jim Shipley who have supplied our first list. I'm sure, however, that many of you also have unlisted items which others in our club own but are unaware that that are Maryland or that they exist. Please send me a listing of them and I'll include your contribution in future articles. Send you list to Mrs. Janice Pugliese, 7510 Mt. Laurel Rd., Boonsboro, MD 21713. I'll follow the same listing format and would appreciate as much of the necessary information as possible, particularly the county. Often the town on the token is no longer in existence and cannot be located on a Maryland map. I don't need a rubbing or photo, only the vital statistics. Our new column is off to a good start and with your help, we can make it a worthwhile and beneficial endeavor for all of our members.



NUMBER	CITY	COUNTY	OBVERSE
1	Eastport	A.A.	Frederick Boessel/Pharmacist/Eastport,MD.
2	Frederick	Fred.	Jenkins Bros.,Inc./Frederick,/MD.
3	Mt. Ranier	P.G.	Bob's Gun&Pawn Shop/3229 R.I. Ave./Mt.Ranier ,MD./779-9861
4	Berlin	Worcester	Townsend & Jones,/Berlin,/MD.
5	Annapolis	A.A.	C.A.D. & Co. (c/s "LB") [C.A.Dubois-oyster packers]
6	Shadyside	A.A.	Leatherbury/Bros./& Co.
7	Balto.		P.F.&D.E. Winebrenner /Oyster /and/Fruit/Packers/Baltimore
8	Carsins	Harford	Smith & Co./Carsins,/MD.
9	Vale	Harford	Watervale/Packing/Co./Vale ,MD
10	Deal Island	Somerset	Brown/&/Bennet/10G
11	Cumberland	Allegany	Snider's/Pool/Room/So. Cumberland,MD.
12	Penmar	Washington	Pen-Mar Grocery Co./Spot Cash/Grocers
13	Balto.		Post Exchange/Camp Holabird/MD.
14	Brunswick	Frederick	B.&O.Y.M.C.A./Brunswick/Maryland
15	Frederick	Frederick	C.E. Zellers/Frederick/MD.
16	Balto.		Post Exchange/5/Fort McHenry
17	Balto.		Post Exchange/10/Fort McHenry
18	Balto.		Post Exchange/Fort McHenry /Md.

REVERSE	SIZE	SHAPE	MATERIAL	ADDITIONAL INFO
Good for /1 /Glass/Soda Water	24	round	alum.	at 4th & Severn Ave. part of
1.00 (rays)	32	round	brass	unlisted denomination
"c" inside O of 50, In Trade across 50	32	round	brass	
Good for /5/In Trade	24	round	alum	
C.A.D. & Co. (c/s over Liberty Head, left-in wreath)	24	round	brass	listed in Dun-1882,1890,1900
1 Gal./Oysters	22	round	alum	
10 (rays)	21	round	red fiber	
25 (rays)	24	round	brass	unlisted denomination
Not/5 Cts./Negotiable (c/s W.E.R." both sides)	22	round	brass	"5" unlisted with c/s
blank	24	round	brass	unlisted denomination
Blank	23	oct.	brass	
Good for /1/4ct/in/Merchandise	19	round	brass	
5	28	round	alum.	
Towel Check	24	oct.	brass	unlisted variety
Good for /5/in merchandise	18	round	alum	
blank	15	hex	brass	
blank	19	round	brass	
Good for /5/in merchandise	19	round	brass	hatched 5

of Annapolis - out -
1918

BURIED TREASURE

by

Jim DeShong R-217

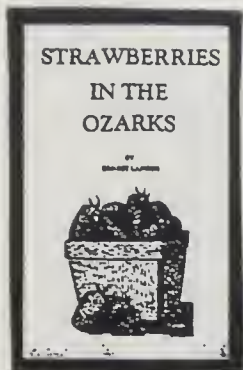
About 2 years ago, I went "antique-ing" in Ellicott City, Maryland with my good friend Joe Collins. Ellicott City is a small town located about 15 miles west of Baltimore. Joe was forewarned that when I look for exonumia I leave no stone unturned. It was a beautiful, sunny day when we began our endeavour. We arrived early. Ellicott City was a nostalgia buff's dream. Shop after shop of seemingly never ending treasures just for the purchasing. Morning had become late afternoon when my friend politely reminded me that it was well past lunch time. It was then that I spotted something in one shopkeeper's glass display case. Way in the back on the bottom shelf beneath an array of would be prized possessions, sat a small box of something. I asked for some assistance as I eagerly awaited an end to my curiosity. Approximately 20 to 30 odd shaped aluminum picker checks were in the box. Assorted shapes, sizes, and denominations. "Blackbeard" had struck pay dirt! A deal was made with the shopkeeper, and it was now time to begin the search for attribution. After arriving home I hurriedly accessed my numismatic library and opened a copy of Schenkman's' Maryland Merchant Tokens to find that I was able to complete

an entire set of William H. Killian Company packer tokens (K130-1 through K130-100b). Each token had the WHK Co incuse stamp. I read further to find that the Killian Company handled fruit and oysters from 1894 to the early 1940's. The entire ordeal proved quite exciting. But that's not the entire story. One 22mm octagonal aluminum token had an incuse U.C.C., and a 19mm round aluminum token had an incuse K.C./1. Mr. Schenkman's reference made no mention of these two pieces. Should anyone know the attribution for these I would sure appreciate a holler. Happy Hunting!

Jim DeShong, Box 358, Dellslow, WV 26531-0358.

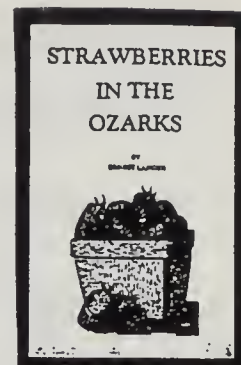
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"STRAWBERRIES IN THE OZARKS" - BY ERNEST LANGER

BOOK REVIEW BY EDWARD LEE CRAIG LM #22



Thanks to a tip from Bob Ross, I found out about this interesting book published in 1989 by Mr. Ernest Langer of Missouri. It is a superb reference book on strawberry tickets (chits) and tokens from the Ozark region of the United States (Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and the southern half of Missouri). Langer catalogs approximately 900 different cardboard tickets from approximately 220 different farmers/merchants, 52 metal tokens from thirteen farmers/merchants, and five strawberry crate labels. Langer establishes a numbering system for both tickets and tokens. He employs a rarity and age code but refrains from establishing any dollar value scale since as he says, there was "no organized market" for Ozark strawberry tokens and tickets when he published his book.

Seven years of data gathering preceeded the publication of this 346 page text. Beside being a major reference document for tickets and tokens from this mostly undocumented area of the country, almost one third of the book is dedicated to providing an agricultural history of the Ozark strawberry industry. As with other farming areas of the country during the late 1800's and the first half of the 20th century, agriculture was the cornerstone of the social and economic environment of the region. Langer describes many of the growers associations in the area and provides a narrative description of many of the towns in the region. He talks about the farmers from these towns, their families, and their role in the strawberry business - from growing through picking, packing, and delivery. He describes the banks in Joplin, Carthage, and Webb City Mo. which had tokens made and provided these for use by the farmers/growers. In Webb City, tokens could be used in lieu of money until about 1922 when an irate treasury agent brought this practice to an end.

Mr. Langer's narrative also provides many interesting facts about such things as picking wages, the types of strawberry plants, and even the arrival of the Fox Film Co. from Hollywood in 1924 to film a typical years strawberry production. He describes the pickers used to gather the crop as ranging from Cherokee Indians from Oklahoma who picked berries in Anderson Mo. to many growers using migrants, local residents, and family members as seasonal labor. The description of family participation in strawberry growing is where this book makes it evident that this research was a labor of love for Ernest Langer. Interviews and research allows him to document, with feeling, the many Ozark families, including his own, and their intimate connection with the strawberry industry.

This reference book is a must for any collector of pickers tokens or tickets and should prove to be interesting reading for anybody interested in examining the history and culture of this Ozark industry. Mr. Langer has since moved to Florida and can be reached at the following address: Ernest Langer 55 S.W. 9th St. Margate, Florida 33068. The book sells for \$12.50 - which includes a nice strawberry cookbook for the chef in the family. Mr. Langer will also be happy to autograph the book if you desire.

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION CENTENNIAL MEDAL



by Greg D. Ruby LM-6

Many of the foreign mints publish some type of newsletter or journal. The Dutch Mint publishes a very interesting bi-monthly journal called *Mintpress*. While reading the Fall 1990 issue, I came across an article about special tokens struck by the Dutch Mint. One of the tokens was Maryland related!

The Maryland State Firemen's Association commissioned the Dutch Mint to strike medallions to commemorate the centennial of it's founding.

Unfortunately, the article only showed one side of the medallion. Description is as follows: FIRST CONVENTION/(reproduction of a fire truck, circa 1893)/FREDERICK, MARYLAND -1893.

The medals were struck in bronze and sterling silver. No measurement was given, but I believe that the illustration is actual size, i.e. 30 millimeters.

Those interested in purchasing the medals or for more information, contact Mr. C. Riley, M.S.F.A., 3810 Maryland Avenue, Abingdon, MD 21009.



TRES BON HAS COME TO TIMONIUM

By Marvin "Pete" Burris



Members of the Maryland Tokens and Medals Society find, search, and attribute many tokens and medals. Like many tokens, this one from Tres Bon can be quickly attributed and entered into our system of reference.

Tres Bon sent me two silver dollar tokens through the mail. These tokens are used to purchase their products. Because I wanted to know more about these tokens, I wrote the company headquarters in Waltham, Massachusetts. They sent me a wonderful return letter in response to my inquiry, and I would like to share it with everybody.

February 13, 1991

Marvin G. Burris
44 Greenmeadow Drive
Timonium, MD 21093

Dear Marvin,

What an interesting request! I had no idea there was a Tokens and Medals Society. We're quite honored to have you write about the Très Bon token, and are pleased to provide the following history.

As a new business and a new concept - a full bakery and a full cafe combined - we needed a means of attracting public attention. Each of our sites is well designed, clean, and attractive. Our products are excellent. Our challenge was how to get people in the front door.

A direct mail announcement without an incentive would have been a waste of money and time. We eliminated coupon incentives immediately as being too "flimsy" and having a somewhat negative connotation for their numerous qualifying restrictions. This image was not in keeping with our philosophy of business.

We decided a token would be perfect. The "Très Bon dollar" looks like serious money. Its weight in the hand gives it a subtle value. The amount of one dollar causes the receiver to give it consideration. The token is pretty and is difficult to throw into the trash, even if you don't plan to use it in the near future. The lack of restrictions or time restraints sends a message of fairness and quality.

The obverse shows a triangle with Très Bon written on it, a simplified version of our logo; and the value of the coin. The

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reverse shows a sheaf of wheat, a symbol of the source of all bakery products, with the words "Très Bon Promise". Other literature explains the Très Bon promise as assuring customer satisfaction.

The tokens were designed by our Creative Director, Jenny Menn, and were made for us by Roger Williams Mint in Providence, Rhode Island, in both "gold" and "silver" colors.

I'm not sure I've answered the questions a collector might want to know about tokens. I'd be happy to have further dialog with you.

Very truly yours,

Elaine Brennck

P.S. We would like very much to have several copies of the Journal when your article is printed. Please let me know the where to direct that request.

These tokens designed by Menn are 1" in diameter. Company headquarters mails silver colored tokens as a promotional, but the gold colored tokens are available for purchase as gifts. The stores sell the tokens in pouches that contain 5, 10, 15, or 20 one dollar gold colored tokens. There are three Tres Bon stores in Maryland: There is one in Towson, Baltimore, and Timonium.



MINI BOOK REVIEWS
FOR THE SPECIALIST COLLECTOR

by Curtis H. Judge

Fichas da Madeira (Madeira Island's Tokens) by Carlos Pascoal

The island of Madeira lies in the North Atlantic. Throughout its history the industries and plantations on Madeira have used tokens as the main medium of exchange. The earliest known examples being issued in 1793 by J.F. Esmeraldo. The work covers all known tokens from Esmeraldo's time to the present. It is well illustrated, a large amount of historical and background data are included. The work is written in Portuguese with a complete English text also included. The book is soft bound and 110 pages in length. Available from: J. Salgado Box 564 Sacavem Portugal

Tokens of Mexico by Frank W. Grove

The Tokens of Mexico is the definitive work on the circulating token coinage of Mexico. The book is hard bound and 280 pages in length being printed on high quality glossy paper. 2031 different listings are included with a brief introduction and even briefer historical section. Mr. Grove catalogues the tokens in an unusual manner, strictly alphabetically, rather than by location as is the norm. A complete obverse and reverse description is given on each entry as well as a line drawing. The line drawings are of high quality; however, a few actual photographs would greatly enhance the presentation.

Available from: Frank W. Grove 751 West J Street Ontario, Calif. 91762

Merchant Countermarks on World Coins by Gregory G. Brunk

Merchant Countermarks is the latest exonumia volume produced by Gregory G. Brunk. It is a top quality work in all areas of concern. Substantial historical data is given along with a comprehensive bibliography. A complete description of each countermark is given along with the base coin or token used for the stamping. About 60 percent of the listings have a high quality photo and many have other advertising or picture information included. The book is hard bound, 158 pages in length being printed in the 8 1/2 by 11 format. Available from: World Exonumia Press POB 4143BBP Rockford, Ill. 61110

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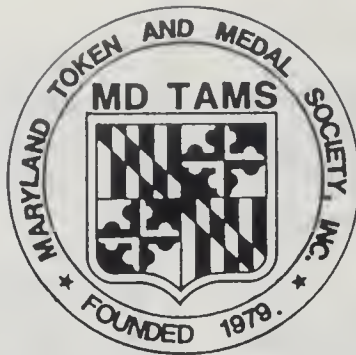
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by DAVID E. SCHENKMAN

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